

Texas Forensic Association votes Hindman top honor

by Kristi Thorn
staff writer

Speech Instructor M'Liss Hindman has been named the Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Educator of the Year. This honor was announced during the 66th Annual Texas Speech Communication Association Convention in Lubbock recently.

Hindman and Peter Pober of The University of Texas at Austin are first to receive this award.

They were chosen for making significant contributions to the growth of forensics. They represent the highest level of achievement in the forensics field.

"Hindman's contribution to forensics has been monumental," TIFA President Sharla Adam said.

"She is currently the vice president and tournament director for the junior college forensic organization—Phi Rho Pi, comptroller for the Texas Speech Communication Association, outgoing TSCA repre-

tative to States Advisory Council, past president of TIFA and is now on TIFA's committee for constitutional revision."

The TJC forensic team is ranked in the top 10 schools in Phi Rho Pi.

Hindman, along with two colleagues, just published a book entitled "Working Forensics: a Competitor's Guide."

"The TIFA members are proud to announce Professor Hindman as TIFA Educator of the Year," Adam said.

Hindman encourages every student to get involved in an organization such as forensics.

"Forensics develops poise, self-confidence and a positive attitude," she said. "It can help us control nerves and deal with stress."

"Forensics is very attractive to all majors because it grooms skills useful in all careers," she said. "We



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M'Liss Hindman

have had lawyers, ministers, even drafting majors in forensics. It is great for anyone dealing with people."

Groups nominate 59 for Homecoming royalty

Thirty campus organizations have nominated candidates for homecoming queen and king.

Students may vote from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the Rogers Student Center, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday at Regional Training and Development Complex.

The 59 homecoming nominees are: Apache Band—Melinda Jordan and Dave Deason, Apache Belles—Angela Hearon and David Abney, Association of Baptist Students—Lori Barnett and Mark Dahlgren, Baptist Student Union—April Easterling and Chris Tomlin, Cheerleaders—Mindy Statch and Troy Brown.

Other nominees include: Chi Gamma Chi—Chera Clayton and Kenneth Hart, Claridge Hall—Amy Anderson, Delta Xi Chi—Melinda Curry and Frederick Boyce, Epsilon Delta Pi—Tina Brazier and Robert Blevins, Gamma Chi Gamma—Stacey Williams and Eric Lacy.

Others are: Harmony/Understanding—Tanya Sims and Scott Craig, Intergreek Council—Kari

Kuenemann and Shane Pittman, Kappa Delta

Upsilon—Christina Adams and Bryan Fuller, Kappa Kappa Psi—Jenny Hunter and Brent Adams.

Other nominees include: Las Mascaras—Bonnie Goggans and Trent Vernon, Lewis Hall—Brandi Long and Anolo Vattai, Phi Theta Kappa—Amy Mooring and Andrew Riley, Resident Assistants Association—Julie Bengtson and Stephen Tuggle, Sigma Phi Lambda—Tara Searle and John Marshall.

Others are: Sledge Hall—Judy Sims and Larry George, Student Senate—Sally Smith and Jonas Estes, Tau Beta Sigma—Dawn Story and James White, Tau Kappa—Amy Gentry and Chris Spratt, Gospel Choir—Jenisia Anderson and Demarco Glover.

Others are: TJC News—Monica Bruno and Guillaume Gauthier, Tri-C—Wendy Alexander and Dennis Hillebrand, Vaughn Hall—De-shanda Hogan and Jim Hennessee, Wesley Foundation—Shana Geeslin

and Christopher Truax, Zeta Phi Omega—Johnna Searan and Damian Torres, West Hall—Mary Martin and Christopher Taylor.

Two groups have not yet selected nominees, Student Activities Director Scott Nalley said.

All nominees need to attend at least one rehearsal before the dress rehearsal on Tuesday so they can practice walking across the stage, Nalley said.

All nominees are required to attend the dress rehearsal on Tuesday.

Thursday at Campus Capers the nominees will be presented at intermission and the top ten will be announced. Friday at Campus Capers the top ten will be presented and the top five will be announced. The top five will be presented on the field on Saturday and the Homecoming Queen and King will be announced at pre-game.

All students and nominees will need a ticket for Campus Capers, Nalley said.

Admissions staff plan Fall Review next Friday

by Vedra Clavin
staff writer

The Admissions Office plans a Fall Preview Nov. 9 for interested high school students.

The program is a new idea to encourage enrollment by allowing prospective students and their families to see the campus and TJC activi-

ties first-hand, Admissions Dean Kenneth Lewis said. The Preview will be the Saturday of Homecoming Week.

Those who attend will go on campus tours and receive general information. A multi-image presentation and educational interest sessions on business and industrial tech-

nology, health and kinesiology, health sciences, humanities and social sciences and science and mathematics are planned.

Prospective students and their families will also be invited to the homecoming football game against Trinity Valley Community College as TJC guests.

University Morning to give transfer advice

University Morning from 9 to 11:15 a.m. Nov. 11 will be an opportunity for students to learn about transferring to four-year institutions. The program in the Apache Rooms at Rogers Student Center will focus on transferring courses and admissions requirements. Representatives from 26 colleges and universities will be available to answer questions and discuss degree plans.

Although it is targeted toward sophomore students planning to transfer next year, the Morning will provide an excellent time for freshmen to gain information to help them begin making decisions about their options, Admissions Dean Kenneth Lewis said.

Morning will be part of East Texas Week. College and university

representatives will visit area high schools to recruit students.

Schools that will be represented here are: Abilene Christian, Baylor, Dallas Baptist, East Texas State and Hardin-Simmons universities.

Others are: Jarvis Christian College and Lamar, Le Tourneau, Louisiana Tech, Midwestern State, Northwestern, Sam Houston State, Southwest Texas State and Stephen F. Austin State universities.

Also coming are: Texas A&M, Texas Christian, Texas Tech, Texas Woman's and West Texas State universities and the universities of Arkansas, Houston, North Texas and Oklahoma as well as The University of Texas at Arlington, Austin and Tyler.

Homecoming '91 to kick off Monday with drumbeat

Homecoming '91 will kick-off at 8 a.m. Monday with the traditional drum beating in front of Rogers Student Center. Students will beat the drum 24 hours-a-day non-stop until kick-off time Saturday. The week's theme is "Homecoming '91 Spirit Warriors."

"We came up with this since we are the Apaches and we need to promote more spirit," Student Activities Director Scott Nalley said.

Monday the Student Senate officers will serve a dinner for students. For meal card holders, the meal will cost \$3 for the chicken dish and \$5 for beef. Those without meal cards will pay \$5 for chicken, \$7 for beef.

Serving will start at 6 p.m. in the Apache Rooms. Those who plan to come must sign up by Friday in the Student Activities office, he said.

Starting at 7 p.m., the comedy team of Arceneaux and Mitchell will perform for the diners, followed by juggler Mark Nizer at 7:30 p.m. in the Apache Rooms.

Monday and Tuesday students may vote for five king and queen nominees from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the student information desk in Rogers Student Center. (See related story about nominees.)

"We ordered round tables for the meal and entertainment so that we could promote the comedy club atmosphere," Nalley said. "The dress is shirt and tie for guys and dress or slacks for girls."

Tuesday the movie "Robin Hood" will be shown at 7 and 9 p.m. in the Apache Rooms. Students will be admitted free with an I.D.

Wednesday students can vote for king and queen at the Regional Training and Development Complex.

At 7 p.m. the Generic II dance will begin. Dance theme is "Some people only dream in black and white."

Thursday Campus Capers I featuring amateur acts will begin at 7 p.m. in Wise Auditorium. All homecoming nominees will be introduced. The top 10 will be chosen at the end of the night by popular vote.

Friday a Pep Rally is set at 2 p.m. at the Duck Pond in Wise Plaza.

Campus Capers II featuring professional acts will begin at 7 p.m. in Wise Auditorium.

The top three winners from the amateur acts will also perform. The top three winners from Thursday and Friday will receive \$300 for first place, \$200 for second place and \$100 for third.

The final five nominees and "Most Handsome and Most Beautiful" will be selected by popular vote and announced during Campus Capers.

Proposition 13 merits student vote

The State of Texas is making it harder for middle class families to send their children to college. Increased tuition for the spring 1992 semester will translate into approximately \$12 per semester hour. These increases and the poor economy are obstacles that many families are finding hard to overcome. One solution has been the various student loan programs that provide low-interest loans to students with repayment starting 90 days after graduation.

If voters who, Tuesday, will consider 13 propositions, do not act that program will end.

If Proposition 13 is not approved it will be the end of loan program that has funded education for many individuals who otherwise would not have been able to attend college. Loss of the loan fund will most definitely keep others from finishing or even starting their higher education.

Opponents of the proposition argue that the repayment of loans will not be sufficient to cover the cost.

Texas has one of the lowest default rates in the nation a mere 5 percent. But even if the repayments were not enough to cover the general obligation bonds, can the state of Texas really afford not to absorb the loss?

Loss of the loan program would translate into a smaller number of qualified and educated graduates entering the work force yearly. Over a period of years this could become serious, possibly causing the loss of the middle class altogether. It is fact that education directly affects income. If fewer middle class children attend college in Texas, what happens to their economic class. We are heading for a day when there is only an upper class and a lower class. Education is vital to the middle segment.

An old adage says "Give a man some fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him to fish and he will never be hungry." Education is the key to success. It is fast becoming the key to survival, and it is undoubtedly the key to a better Texas. In a state where we feel it may be time to "gamble" on a lottery to answer some of our financial concerns let's not do the same with the education of our future work force.

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Tuesday's vote to decide fate of student loans, lottery, prisons

By Chris Chambless
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Prison construction, a state lottery, continuation of the student loan program and a Texas Ethics Commission are only four of the 13 propositions for voters to consider Nov. 5.

Proposition 13 is probably the most important to college students. The fate of this amendment could decide the continuation of their college educations.

Proposition provides for issuing up to \$300 million in obligation bonds to continue programs that provide educational loans to students.

Supporters claim that it will be self-supporting because loan repayments will be applied toward retiring the original bonds, yet many Texans are uneasy. The bonds are

backed by the state's full faith and credit which would translate into spending more tax dollars if the program cannot support itself. But previous loans have a 95 per cent repayment rate and the funds' interest can make up the difference.

The most controversial issue facing voters is Proposition 11. This amendment would legalize a state operated lottery. Lottery proponents, which include Gov. Ann Richards, estimate it will generate a \$1 billion profit every two years.

Proposition 4 would allocate \$1.1 billion to construct new prisons and substance abuse facilities and to renovate existing ones. The Proposition also includes construction of more mental health and mental retardation institutions.

Money for the projects will be raised by issuing general obligation bonds which are repaid from the state's general revenue fund. The

majority of money in the fund comes from state taxes and fees.

Proposition 4 is the state's attempt to answer the growing problem of over-crowding in the prison system and the increasing number of crimes being committed by individuals on parole.

Proposition 6 would create a Texas Ethics Commission as a constitutional agency. Commission members would monitor state officials' conduct, recommend pay raises and set the amount of daily expenses allowed to each legislator. The governor, lieutenant governor, and the house speaker would select commission members. Even if the amendment is rejected by voters, and ethics commission will still be created by Jan. 1 under a law passed this year. The commission's duties would exclude salary provisions.

Irish pubs set scene for talk

by Tom Garrett
staff writer

Beer drinkers in Ireland take their job seriously. I learned that one evening in a small Irish pub in Middletown, County Cork, Ireland. After a long day of sightseeing and walking the countryside with my family and girlfriend, we stopped for supper at a well-known pub called Finian's. Expecting to find a restaurant filled with other tourists like myself, I was pleasantly surprised to find the pub full of Irish locals enjoying a smoke, a pint and the company of good friends.

The Irish are renowned for their gift of eloquence or gab. Legend says they get it from kissing the Blarney Stone, a stone built into the battlements of a 12th Century castle in Blarney, Cork. It has been worn down by thousands of lips. If just kissing the stone brings eloquence in speech, the gentleman I met in Middletown must have made love to it.

As the night unfolded Don McSweeney spoke non-stop. In his smooth, even voice which his accent flavored with a musical quality, he struck up a conversation. He told me about himself, that he was an engineer employed in Saudi Arabia just returned home. He talked about his family, introducing me to his wife and two young sons. He talked about America and his travels throughout Europe. He talked about the Middle East and the Gulf War. But not once did his eyes light up or his smile beam as it did when he spoke about Irish beer.

something," he told me. "The Italians have their pizza, the French have their wine, Americans have their burgers, but lad...", at which point he lifted his pint half full of dark brew and smiled, saying, "...the Irish have their Guinness."

By this time I had been in Ireland for five days and had tasted the Guinness, an extra stout ale brewed in Dublin.

My first reaction after tasting the stuff was disgust. It was bitter and left an awful aftertaste. By the end of the first pint though, I had decided that it wasn't too bad.

Now, when day five rolled around, I had been drinking a pint of Guinness at every dinner and one afterwards as well. I told McSweeney I had acquired a taste for it. It seemed to please him that I appreciated Irish tastes and our conversation turned to other things.

At the end of the evening and two pints of Guinness, McSweeney shook my hand and said he had to be getting home to tuck in his little ones. Before he left, as if he were letting me in on a secret of some revered brotherhood, he told me something else.

"The Guinness in here is not bad by far," he said, "but if you be wanting a true pint, a pint that you can write your name in the head and read it on the bottom of the glass when you're through, meet me tomorrow for supper at O'Dristols."

I said "sure" and he quickly wrote on the back of a matchbook the name of the place with directions to a tiny fishing village called Bailecotton.

My real reason for trying to hitchhike the 13 kilometers to Bailecotton the next day was to see Ireland as the

all semblances of tourism and get a true feel of how the Irish folk live.

I ended up walking the whole way. Toward the end of my walk, I was getting tired of how the Irish lived. About 4 p.m., after several hours of walking, I finally reached Bailecotton and O'Dristols. What I really wanted at this point was a cool glass of water, but any idiot knows you don't walk into a strange bar in a strange town and order a glass of water. I asked for a Guinness.

What else could I do? Everyone in the place was looking at me. Besides, from the scattered pints, I could see almost everyone was drinking Guinness. I felt eyes boring into me from every direction and realized that conversations around me had hushed. A group of old men had been speaking English when I walked in. I realized now that they had switched to Gaelic. Everyone was making a great effort to ignore me while being well aware I was there. I could feel their curiosity, so in an attempt to make conversation, when the barmaid brought my pint, I asked her, "Has Don McSweeney been in?"

Her eyes got a surprised look in them and she asked me how I knew the man. I told her that he had said to meet him here at O'Dristols for supper and a pint.

Those few words changed the whole atmosphere of the pub. People stopped staring, and I could almost feel suspicion making its way to the door. The old men started up in English again and conversations regained their former volume.

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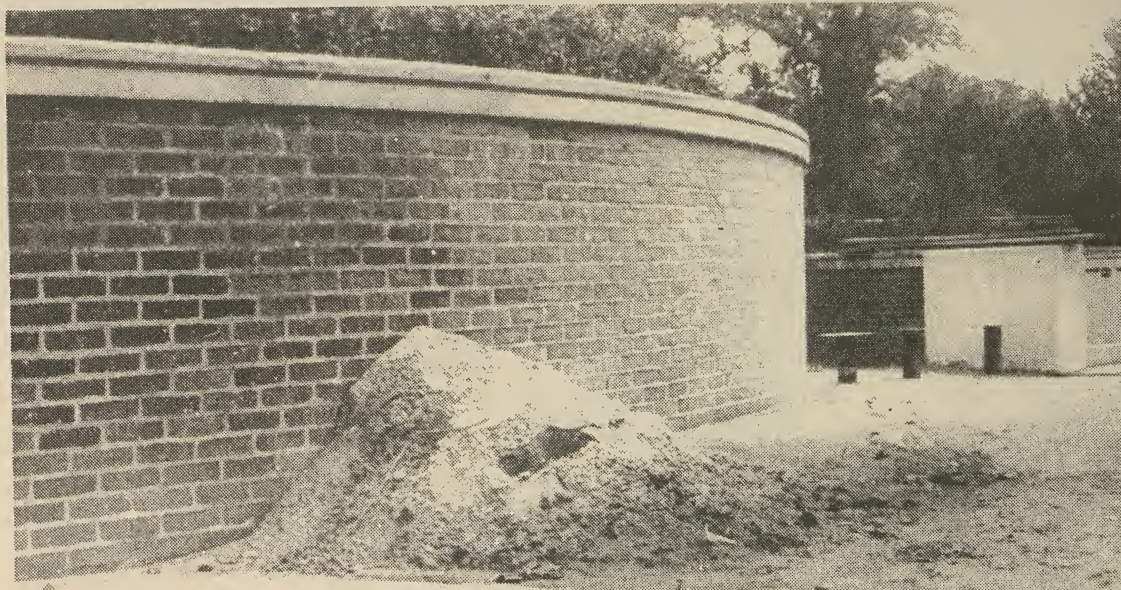


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NEW SANDPILE--Is Windsor Plaza becoming a TJC volleyball court? With all the sand in the Plaza, that could easily be the answer, but the Plaza is not going to be a volleyball court. Physical Plant Director Bill Parker said the maintenance staff is sand blasting the cement. The cement was black and now TJC is changing the look to white. The sand will be there for the next week while the project is being completed.

Scholars to dine with benefactors

Program began in 1983 with 2-line memo from Dr. Hawkins

by Jeremy Coe
staff writer

TJC administrators believe some students will get their just desserts Nov. 7. These students aren't being punished—they're being honored at a dinner heralding scholarship endowments worth thousands of dollars.

Sixty students are attending classes this fall on either Presidential or Dean's scholarships. The program funds more than \$100,000 each year and attracts academic excellence, Candice Garner, assistant student financial aid and scholarships director said.

The program began in 1983 when TJC President Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, sent a two-line memorandum to Billie Pye, director of development and college relations. The memo asked that she draft a proposal for an in-depth scholarship program by the end of the summer.

The program was finally formulated after studying other scholarship requirements, interviews with admissions directors of major universities and the criteria of TJC personnel, Pye said.

The scholarships are established by a gift of \$25,000 or more, Pye said. The money is invested and only the income awarded. This allows the original gift to remain intact and earn income for the next year.

Presidential scholars must rank in the top 10 percent of their graduating class and demonstrate leadership

in high school organizations. Though preference is given to students who live in the TJC tax district, not all recipients fit this category.

This award, funded by individual private gifts, totals \$4,000. It is given over four semesters in \$1,000 increments.

Each scholar meets the donors of his or her award at a dinner in November. They are encouraged to maintain contact by sending notes about their progress.

Students are often matched with a donor who works in the same field as their intended major.

For example, a pre-med scholar would probably be matched with a doctor, who becomes a sort of a patron.

Sophomore Presidential Scholar Cris Wood said, "I feel that these scholarships give me a good opportunity to meet other goal-oriented students."

"It's beneficial also because we have our own counselor that can help us when we're ready to move on to another school," he said.

To maintain the scholarship, recipients must be full-time students taking 15 or more credit hours per semester.

They must keep a 3.5 grade-point average and demonstrate leadership in campus activities.

Garner said the program is mutually beneficial.

"The greatest asset in this program to students is the financial support. The greatest asset to the college

is the quality of the students it draws and the leadership that they show. These students do go on to become the leaders on campus," she said.

Dean's scholars qualify by ranking in the top 15 percent of their high school class and participating in extra-curricular activities.

This award totals \$2,000 given over four semesters in \$500 increments.

To maintain the scholarship, recipients must be full-time students, keep a 3.0 grade average and demonstrate leadership.

"Receiving the dean's scholarship is a huge advantage, not only because of the money, but because it helped me get my job and get involved in the school's activities," said freshman Dean's Scholar Amy Honeycutt.

"TJC is an advantage to me because I live in Tyler, I have excellent teachers, and everyone is so friendly," Honeycutt said.

Since they began, approximately 100 Presidential Scholars have started here.

Counselor Mary Beal maintains contact with former students. She said she likes to keep in touch with them to see how they have progressed.

TJC has been successful in helping these students get valuable financial awards to other colleges.

"The presidential scholars are often able to acquire a similar scholarship when they continue to a four-year institution," Garner said.

"I believe it rounds off our campus very well," she said.

Campus Briefs

Kids still need coats, TJC to collect

For average middle-class families, November means the start of the happy warmth of holidays—a time of relatives, food and time off from work. But happy warmth is not available to everyone. For some, even such basics as winter coats and jackets may not be available.

The Coats for Kids Drive is an effort by some Smith County citizens to fill that need. Through PATH (People Attempting to Help), they are collecting and distributing coats to children of poverty-level families.

PATH, with approximately 500 volunteers, helps over 18,000 families a year by supplying necessary items.

Project coordinator Martha Marshall said, "We haven't been getting enough coats! Up till now, we haven't had a cold spell and nobody is even thinking about their coats. Now that it has turned cold, however, we are hoping people will remember."

Coats will be collected at the Good Samaritan Outreach Center or at any Smith County area dry cleaner.

TJC students are encouraged to bring their coats, jackets and sweaters to the TJC News in 204 Potter Hall or to Joy Watson's office in Jenkins Hall near the Coke machines.

Coats will be distributed Nov. 9, Nov. 16, and Nov. 23 at the Outreach Center.

"Though October was designated as Collection Month, we will certainly take coats in November before distribution," said Marshall. "Any coat collected will certainly find a recipient."

And, more than likely, the donors will find that they feel warmer just thinking about that.

Catholics to offer Bible series

The Catholic Student Organization's second Bible video session will be Tuesday. The series entitled, "Basic Tools for Bible Study" is open to all students, not just Catholics.

The series will be offered on two more Tuesdays this semester, CSO Sponsor Cheryl Fillion said. Other sessions are Nov. 19 and Dec. 3.

The series meets noon till 1:30 p.m. in Apache Room 1 in Rogers Student Center. Fillion encourages students to bring a lunch and something to take notes with. For more information contact Fillion at 510-2641.

Northland Cable seeks photos

The Northland Cable Company is seeking photos for their "Quiet Moments" feature. TJC students and faculty may submit photos to be run on the program.

Northland cannot pay for the photos, but will make copies from prints or slides and return the originals. The photographer and TJC will receive credit as the source for individual photos, Pat Wallace said.

The company needs approximately 250-300 photos. They are pursuing other sources, Wallace said, so not all the photos would need to come from TJC students.

"Quiet Moments" features several color photographs in a group, with pleasant subject matter such as pastoral scenes, cute kids, animals or flowers, Wallace said.

The feature was popular and Northland found it difficult to keep up with the demand for new photos. For more information contact Wallace at (903) 894-8261.

Book Fair to open today

The Book Fair will run 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 31 and Nov. 2, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 1, and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 3.

The Book Fair Building is located at 4410 D.C. Drive across from Payless Cashways off Loop 323.

The Fair was organized in 1968 by Medical Auxiliary members. Book Fair is a semi-annual fair which sells donated books. Most are priced from ten cents to \$4. All proceeds go to fund scholarships for students in health care specialties.

The Fair gives the public a chance to buy from about 40,000 donated books—fiction, textbooks, history, health, and children's books as well as rare and collector books.

Since Book Fair was established, more than \$170,000 has been given by Medical Auxiliary to strengthen Tyler's medical delivery team.

Auxiliary members will pick up books anyone wishes to donate. For more information call Donna Freeman at 581-7292, Jane Hoove at 561-7782 or Corky Willens at 581-6503.



photo by Mike Joyce

FIRST TASTE OF WINTER WEATHER – Umbrellas and warm clothing became the order of the day Tuesday as a cold front moved in, bringing cooler temperatures

and heavy rains. As the bad weather persists, scenes such as this are commonplace as students traverse the campus, some with umbrellas, some toughing it out.

Cosmonaut relates experiences for TK Gorman students, faculty

by Molly Trent
staff writer

Soviet cosmonaut Georgi Mikhailovich Grechko showed slides of his missions in space and told some amazing stories about his life. They ranged from surviving a fire in a spacecraft to saving a man's life out in space.

Students at T.K. Gorman High School seemed fascinated when Grechko showed a picture of the earth from space earlier this month.

A down-to-earth, humble man, Grechko told his "hero" stories only after students asked about them. He was patient with the young people and at the end of his presentation, signed many autographs, each as if it were his first.

Grechko was born May 25, 1931, in Leningrad, now St. Petersburg, and graduated from the Institute of Mechanics there in 1955. He worked in a design bureau, designing and developing space flight equipment.

In 1967, he received a master of technical sciences degree based on

'He has been around the earth 2,000 times, has been in space three times and has spent a total of 134 days, 20 hours, 32 minutes and 52 seconds in space.'

work connected with landing automatic stations on the moon.

In 1984, he obtained a doctorate in the physical-mathematical sciences. Grechko joined the cosmonaut corps in 1966, and served on backup crews for Soyuz 9 and Soyuz 12. He was flight engineer for Soyuz 17/Salyut 4, Soyuz T-14/Salyut 7 and Soyuz 26/Salyut and backup flight engineer for Soyuz T-11.

Grechko resigned from the cosmonaut corps in 1986 and works as a lab specialist in astrophysics. He also serves as vice-chairman of the

Soviet Committee for Defending Peace.

Grechko is clearly one of the Soviet Union's leading spacecraft designers. His work on the Luna soft-lander has been widely acknowledged in Soviet literature.

Grechko, the first cosmonaut to fly two space-station missions. He was awarded the title of "Hero of the Soviet Union." He has been around the earth 2,000 times, has been in space three times and has spent a total of 134 days, 20 hours, 32 minutes and 52 seconds in space, he said.

Grechko likes to scuba dive and snow ski. His wife is an English teacher, who, Grechko said, is always complaining about his pronunciation of English words. They have four grandchildren, two of them born while their grandfather was in space.

At 54, Grechko was the oldest cosmonaut ever to fly into space.

As a token of their appreciation Gorman students gave Grechko two bleacher seats, a T-shirt, a sweatshirt, four keychains for his grandchildren and a 1990-91 yearbook.

Irish beer

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I felt a lot more comfortable as I sat back to enjoy my Guinness. At Finnians I had dismissed McSweeney's praise of the Guinness at O'Dristols. I was not prepared for the difference in taste, texture and color of the brew. This thick, smooth and creamy brew had no bitter taste. The color was a deep, rich, brown like dark chocolate. A warm feeling spread through my stomach. I leaned back and settled down to enjoy my pint and the heat from the fireplace, as I waited for McSweeney.

While I waited I learned some interesting things about Irish living. When I arrived at the pub about 10 people, all men, were there. After an hour, the number of occupants had risen to more than 30. These additions consisted of men, women, and children of all ages. Families would come to the pub together to be with neighbors and chat about their day. I was just finishing my second pint and getting ready to find a taxi back to my hotel when I heard a familiar

voice. I turned to see McSweeney standing at my shoulder.

When he recognized me, he apologized immediately. He said he had forgotten about a previous engagement and promptly bought me a pint of Guinness. He knew everyone and was happy to introduce me around.

The Irish are hospitable people. Once you are accepted, you are treated as a longtime friend. Three hours later I was still at O'Dristols sitting at a table with a large group of locals, taking part in conversation and bouncing someone's (I have no idea whose) kid on my knee. Again I found them eager to talk about themselves and their country.

I had stopped drinking the Guinness after that third pint, but I bought a few for other people. Everyone in that pub was a big family, if not by blood then by common experiences. When I left there I felt as if I had known these people for so much longer than one day.

I didn't have to hitch back either. Two of the locals volunteered to give me a lift which I gratefully accepted. They wouldn't let me pay them, except to say, "If you ever get to our fair country, just buy us a pint. That'll be payment enough."

Stewart Blood Center starts bone marrow testing program

by Kim Boyd
staff writer

The National Marrow Donor Program is four years old. It was founded in 1987 to give those needing bone marrow transplants a chance to survive. Without a transplant, longtime survival of leukemia or other diseases treated with chemotherapy is zero to 15 percent.

At the end of April 1991, more than 310,000 people had volunteered and are now included in the registry.

The first marrow transplant was done in December, 1987. By the end of April, 1991, more than 650 trans-

plants had taken place. The success rate is between 30 and 80 percent, depending on how far the patient's disease has progressed.

"Early referral and a quick match assures a better outcome for the patient," Donor Coordinator Connie Rankins of Stewart Regional Blood Center said.

The average transplant costs \$160,000. It costs the donor \$75 to be tested. Donors can be put on a waiting list until funds to pay for testing become available through donations or grants.

Human Leukocyte Antigen types

or "tissue types" come in 26 million possible combinations. Out of 20,000 unrelated people, only two will have matching HLA types.

At this time, 92 percent of donors are Caucasian, and 8 percent are minorities. Not only do related donors have a better chance in matching HLA types, but those in one's own racial group are more likely to match. Thus the need for donors of all ethnic groups.

"In order to recruit minorities, there needs to be an effort launched to educate them," Rankins said.

Government grants cover the cost

for minorities to become donors, so they pay no fees.

To become a donor one must be between the ages of 15 and 55. Prospective donors most likely want to know, "Does it hurt?" and "Are there risks?" Rankins said. Previous donors have said they had some discomfort and tenderness for a day or two after giving marrow.

As for risks, no long-term adverse effects have been found. As in any medical procedure, some risk is involved, primarily associated with anesthesia, but the risk is low.

The marrow is removed from

the donor under general or spinal anesthesia. Approximately 3 to 5 percent of the donor's marrow is extracted by needle from the pelvic bones at both sides of the lower back area. This takes about 45 minutes.

Donors are advised to stay overnight in the hospital. In two to three weeks, the donor's marrow is replaced naturally.

People wanting to give "the living gift of life," may contact Rankins at the Stewart Regional Registry for Marrow Donors located at 815 South Baxter, (903) 535-5409.

Midtown Arts Center offers entertainment

Students may find interesting entertainment at The Midtown Arts Center, Backstage Cafe and the Brickstreet Playhouse.

Backstage Cafe is open for lunch from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and for dinner Thursday through Saturday. Reservations are preferred for dinner but lunch is on a walk-in basis.

Manager Michael Vezse said that the atmosphere is relaxed with garden patio seating.

The cafe at times provides entertainment, but it is not part of the regular Playhouse season. The next cafe performance will be Murder Mystery Night starting Nov. 15. The murder is committed sometime during dinner and the actors give clues. The person who solves the murder will win a prize.

The Art Gallery upstairs is open for viewing before or after lunch. Exhibits include paintings, sculpture

and antiques, Vezse said.

"The Gallery is really quite impressive, and it is a shame that so few people are aware that it's even here," Vezse said.

The Playhouse at the front of the building is a non-profit organization. Local individuals answer casting calls and perform.

This season began with "Lend Me A Tenor" first produced by Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Company. Set in a Cleveland hotel in 1934, the plot is a farce of mixed identities and what-to-do-when-everything-goes-wrong. The most celebrated operatic tenor in the world, 20nd Stupendo, fails to make the big performance. Love and laughter abound, Vezse said.

Dinner theater packages cost \$24.50 per person plus tax and tip.

After the play, cabaret entertainment tops off the evening. To make reservations call Vezse at 592-7859.

Rose Queen explains effects of her honor

The 1991 Rose Queen Ashley Powell explained how she learned she had been chosen.

"I had no idea that Sam Wolf picked me as this year's queen. I was at SMU where I'm attending college when my mother called and read a poem she had written to let me know the good news."

Powell said she was more surprised than anything. The public found out last December, but Powell's family learned a month earlier.

Powell explained that the sole inspiration in her life right now are her parents. Without their support, she would be nowhere, she said.

"Both of my parents have certain traits that I admire and wish to inherit," Powell said.

Powell stressed the Rose Queen

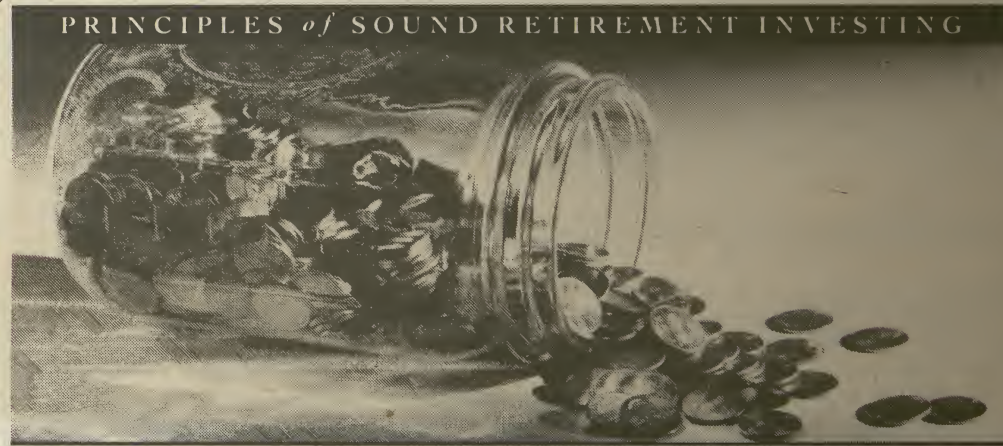
selection is not a beauty contest or party.

"I was chosen to serve as a representative for Tyler and to go out and meet the public and let people know what the Rose Festival is and to promote Tyler's economy," Powell said.

The most inspiring moment of being queen was participating in the Special Olympics.

"After the games I handed out medals. The look on the winners' faces was unforgettable," she said.

"Most of us would not think of the Rose Queen handing us a medal as a big deal, but to those kids it was really something special that they will remember. To have been able to bring happiness to those kids was my greatest moment," Powell said.



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Texas rape, violent crime 2nd in nation

Campus officers suggest preventive techniques

by Lorelee Almand
staff writer

Rape cases are on the rise in Texas.

"Texas is the second highest state in the country in reported rape cases, second only to California," Lynda Cobb of the East Texas Crisis Center said.

In 1990 rape increased four times faster than the overall crime rate. Statistics show one in three women will be victims of sexual assault in their lifetime.

These crimes can be prevented.

"Rape is not a sexual act, it is a violent act," Campus Safety Officer Lynn Guthrie said. "You can prevent it by not putting yourself in a vulnerable position in the first place."

TJC administrators are aware of the problem.

"TJC conducted a survey of lighting on the campus and because it was found to be insufficient, plans are being made to improve the offending areas," Guthrie said.

An escort service available for students who feel unsafe when leaving classes. They should simply inform the instructor or contact Campus Safety at 510-2258 and a Campus Safety cadet will come to accompany students to their cars.

TJC is working on the problem, but individuals make the most vital decisions. Guthrie offered tips to help prevent attack.

Take the most direct route to a destination. Don't go out of the way.

Walk with a purpose. An aggressive walk may put off a potential attacker.

Stay away from problem areas, such as thick greenery or dark areas.

A loud scream is one of the best defenses.

"Weapons are debatable in their effectiveness, it should be known that carrying a gun on the TJC campus is a third degree felony," Guthrie said.

Other weapons, such as mace, must be used properly to work.

If a rape does occur, some steps should be taken immediately following the attack.

The first thing to do is to contact the police immediately. If the attack occurs on campus, the victim should contact Campus Safety, which is a

trained division of police officers.

Next, a medical examination should occur allowing the doctor to gather evidence with what is known as a rape kit.

Places to turn for emotional

support include The East Texas Crisis Center at 1-800-333-0358.

"Rape can be prevented, but if an attack does happen the most important thing is to report it to the proper authorities," Cobb said.

Bondsmen can help jailbirds for a price

by Curtis Walker
staff writer

Bail bondsmen help people get out of jail when they are arrested. The first thing one should do when arrested is to call a bail bondsman or have a family member or lawyer call one, local bondsman Don Johnson said.

The bondsman then puts up a surety bond in the amount of the fine, so the arrested person can be released until the trial date. Bondsmen charge for their services. Fees are based on a percentage of the amount of the bond. They offer credit and do not charge extra for payment via this method, Johnson said.

To become a bail bondsman, one must first be licensed. This license is obtained by filling out an application with the Smith County clerk's office.

'Getting to help people and their families is the best thing about my job,' Johnson said.

Along with the application, \$5,000 must be submitted as collateral.

The sheriff's department investigates the applicant's history. Whether the applicant gets a license will be based on the sheriff's department findings.

"Getting to help people and their families is the best thing about my job," Johnson said. Other advantages are being self-employed and always having a steady flow of business.

Johnson also acknowledges that due to consistent business, he and his counterparts have little, or no competition in most circumstances.

The most common violations

among college students have to do with drug and alcohol possession with a \$20 to \$200 bond, driving while intoxicated or while under the influence of alcohol with a \$500 bond.

Shoplifting and other crimes that deal with theft, such as breaking and entering, are also common. Their fines and bonds depend on the monetary value of the stolen goods. A judge can increase the bonds if a perpetrator has a record, whether or not the offense is the same.

More often than not college students encounter their troubles with the law during weekends, Johnson said.

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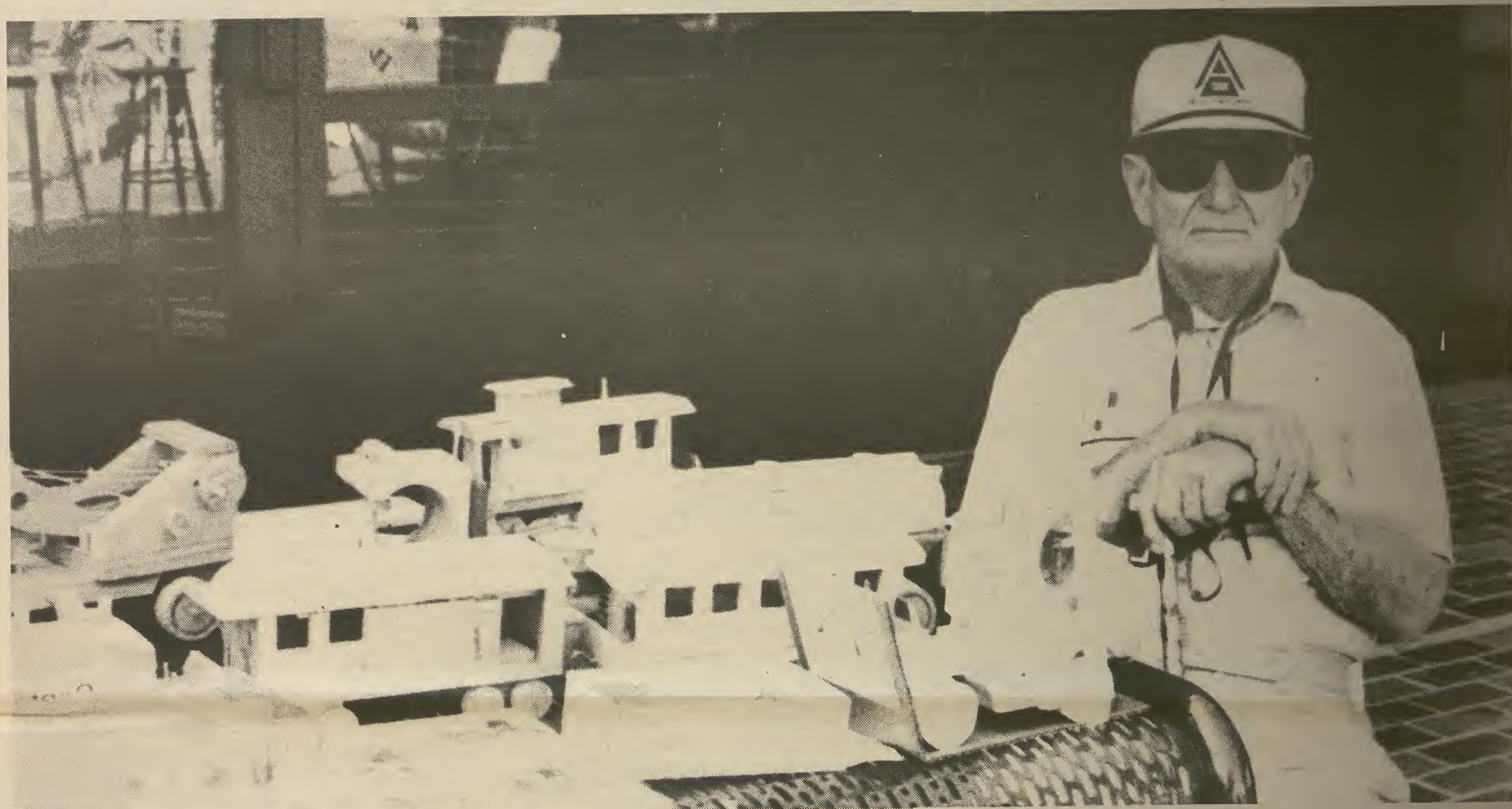
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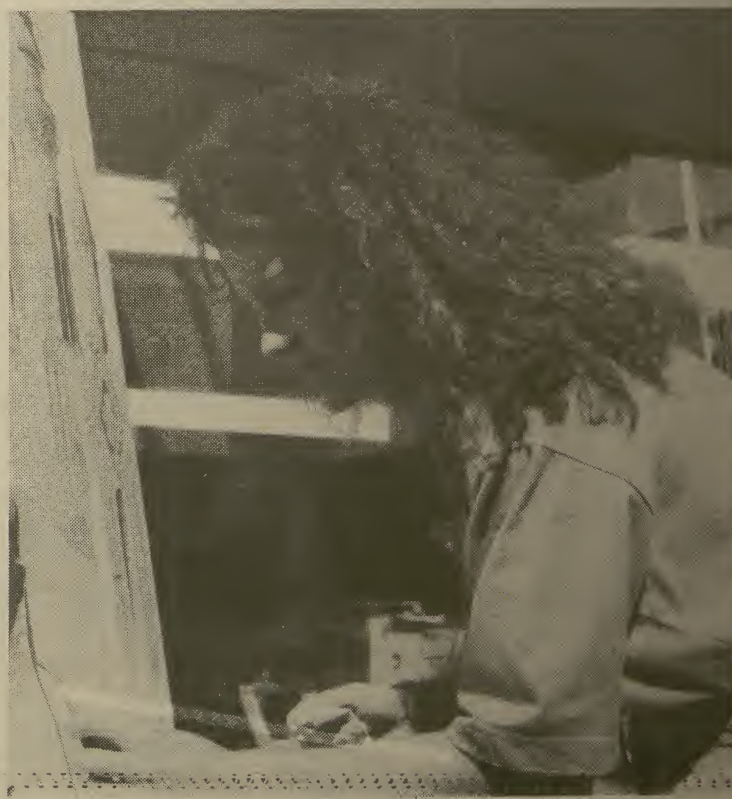
'Hands-On Art' shows artists, work

Students and instructors demonstrate their talents



ARTISTS MAKING ART -- A wide variety of art forms were demonstrated by TJC art instructors and students Oct. 10 in the "Hands-On Art" exhibit in the Rogers Student Center plaza. Clockwise from above are: St. Clair F. Luzzi, the oldest art student at TJC, showing his technique of carving cars, trucks and trains; art student Kim Taylor working on a painting and weaver Judy Prichett demonstrating her craft.

Photos by Zelda Johnson



'Merciless' wins in Atlantic City

By John D. Johnson III
staff writer

On a Friday night early this month in Atlantic City, a big question was answered for the heavyweight division of professional boxing. The contest was between World Boxing Organization Champion "Merciless" Ray Mercer and star of Rocky 5, Tommy "The Duke" Morrison. When it ended the champ was still champ.

Many considered the young challenger Morrison a championship contender especially with his impressive 24-0 record coming into the night. But Morrison had not met any quality opponents in his career. Champion Mercer, a former Gold Medalist in the 1988 Olympics at 26, started boxing at age 24 while in the military.

The two came into the ring with moods as different as their backgrounds. Morrison entered first to the "Theme from 2001" echoing through Trump Plaza Convention Hall.

In boxing tradition, champion Mercer entered last to the pop hit "I've got the Power."

The first round was a feeling-out process with neither relaxing much. In second round Morrison showed the first signs of a Rocky power punching machine, as he connected with pin-point accuracy to Mercer's body and head. He held this pace held throughout the second round.

In the third both champ and young challenger began to show signs of fatigue. But Morrison pulled out the round.

In the fourth the pace slowed a bit as Mercer started to connect with Morrison, but towards the end a furious exchange caused Morrison to wilt a bit.

When the bell sounded for the fifth round the pace picked up with Morrison throwing his patented haymaker left hook, Mercer slipped the punch and allowed Morrison's weight to carry him over too far, exposing his head for a clean shot.

In champion style, Mercer delivered a right hook that seemed to paralyze Morrison totally, and followed with 15 unanswered blows to Morrison's head which ended when the fight was stopped after only a minute into the fifth round.

For the champion, this win means a mega payday with any of the big names of boxing. But for the challenger, it's back to square one for now.

Apaches knock off No. 1, defeat Navarro 31-13

Like the biblical David, the Apache football squad slew a giant with their 31-13 victory over top-ranked Navarro Junior College.

Navarro received their first defeat this season Oct. 19 at the Apaches' hands. The win propelled TJC to the top of the conference with a 2-0 conference record. They are 3-3 for the year.

Sophomore defensive end Jarrett Anderson said, "Going in, we knew we could win. We had that attitude all week long in practice."

The game started slow with neither team able to put more than one touchdown on the board. At the half, the teams headed for the locker room with the score tied, 7-7.

"They have a big offensive game," Anderson said. "We shut them down the first half."

The defense had done its job, only allowing 23 total yards in the first two quarters of play.

TJC kicked an early in the third

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quarter field goal to break the stalemate. After that, the Apache offense exploded for 21 more points.

Freshman linebacker Jason Troutman said, "In the second half, we just pulled together. The defense was holding them, and the offense made things happen."

"It was very intimidating to go up against the No. 1 team in the nation," sophomore offensive tackle Shannon Ford said "Our win was a team effort, though."

"There's a tendency to slack off after a big game, so we have to push even harder. We can't look too far ahead — we just need to look from week to week."

Crop circles mystery remains unsolved

By Bonnie Calman
staff writer

It is June 1991, as you are driving through farm land to town you notice a flattened area in the grain crop on the land down below. As you look, you notice it has a shape. This unusual flattened shape in the field may be a crop circle.

A crop circle is a section of crop where the plant, usually grain is flattened in a distinctive swirl. Yet, the grain continues to ripen until ready for harvest. No person has ever witnessed the creation of a crop circle. Thus far, crop circles have few facts and many theories.

Researchers have made some discoveries since the first appearance of crop circles in British crop lands in 1678. Most circles are found in Wiltshire and Hampshire, Great Britain, near Stonehenge.

Others have been found in as many as 40 countries around the world, including Canada, Australia, Italy, Russia, New Zealand and the central United States. The number of circles being created has increased drastically. They occur most often during the growing season in June and July.

The only factual information available on crop circles is collected at each site. Although the crops affected are usually grain, other crops such as mustard, soy beans and sugar beets have been affected.

During the 1990 growing season the circles became more complex, forming straight lines, rectangles and triangles. Many were surrounded by narrow circles. They range in size from the diameter of a tire to thousands of feet across. Vegetation within these forms is bent, not broken, and twisted in a uniform direction. Tests show the vegetation was also exposed to heat. Edges of the circles are sharp and the plants outside the boundary are untouched.

In smaller, narrow circles which often surround the main form, the plants are twisted in the opposite direction. As large as the shapes are, they never overlap a field or cross a roadway. They often stop within a fraction of an inch of the edge of the crop.

Many crop circle enthusiasts do not appear eager to find the answer. Many theories suggest such causes as a peculiar fungus or virus among the plants. It has even been suggested the circles are caused by several hedgehogs rotating in unison, as they do in a mating dance. Only two theories have been generally known and accepted by the public.

Dr. Terence Meaden, head of Britain's tornado and storm research organization, has studied circles for 10 years. He believes the action of complex whirlwinds formed by air

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sweeping around isolated escarpments or hills, forms what he calls "ring vortexes." Meaden published "The Circles Effect and It's Mysteries," which contains his research and theory.

In an interview with Maclean's, Meaden acknowledges that it is more difficult to explain last summer's appearance of lines and boxes alongside the circles. He maintains his theory why Wiltshire and Hampshire, with their fields broken by hills and bluffs appear to be the most common area for crop circles.

Another more speculative theory is proposed by Colin Andrews. Andrews describes himself as one of three foremost researchers on circles. He claimed in 1990 "it is a mystery,"

Andrews told Omni magazine, "there is now an extraordinary amount of data leaning heavily in the direction of some form of intelligence." Evidence of his theory is the precise placement of the circles. They come within a fraction of an inch of roadways or hillsides as though they've been placed by an unseen hand.

With co-author Pat Delgado,

Andrews published "Circular Evidence," which contains more facts and descriptions of the circles.

Biology Instructor H. Larry Stripling is more skeptical about crop circles.

"I do not believe it is anything supernatural, probably a hoax.

Someday it will be explained as, probably, the biggest joke in history," Stripling said.

"I think there is something in the soil affecting the vegetation growth. Possibly some ecological problem, either that or a hoax," Biology Director Judy Parks said.

Recently two men came forward and admitted to creating the circles as a hoax. Further investigation revealed that the circles created by these men were not the same as those being found in the fields. When the men created the circle, the vegetation was broken, not bent, and was not exposed to heat.

Crop circles have been a mystery since the 17th Century. The Sunday Mirror newspaper in London has offered an \$18,000 prize for the solution.

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